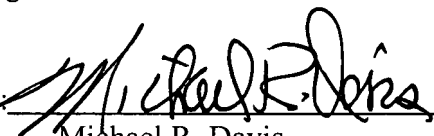


In view of this translation, Applicants take the position that the Goto et al. reference is not available as prior art against their invention, and for this reason alone, the rejection based on Yamago et al. in view of Goto et al. should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

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